

## **DOWNTOWN MHC HOSTS SPRING CONCERT**

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The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) Downtown Mental Health Center (MHC) hosted a spring concert for nearly 40 clients and staff on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

This year's spring concert featured Trio Dinicu, made up of violinist Luanne Homzy, guitarist Tommy Davy and bassist Frank Anastasio. The concert was presented by the nonprofit organization, Street Symphony. Street Symphony was founded by Los Angeles Philharmonic violinist Robert Gupta who wanted to bring classical music to downtown's Skid Row. Gupta made the Downtown MHC his home base for Street Symphony performances and has since arranged for several performances from different musical groups there.

Trio Dinicu performed several jazz and classical pieces as well as songs by request. "The music played by the Trio Dinicu touched all the clients that participated. This was evidenced by their interactions with the musicians during the concert as they verbalized their music and song requests," said Nahed Guirguis, LACDMH Downtown MHC Mental Health Clinical Program Head. "Several Spanish-speaking clients requested songs in Spanish. The musicians were happy to do it. Overall, the concert was an event that was enjoyed and appreciated by the clients."